

## § 51.72

that emergency circumstances or humanitarian reasons exist.

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### **§ 51.72 Revocation or restriction of passports.**

A passport may be revoked or restricted or limited where:

(a) The national would not be entitled to issuance of a new passport under § 51.70 or § 51.71; or

(b) The passport has been obtained by fraud, or has been fraudulently altered, or has been fraudulently misused.

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### **§ 51.73 Passports invalid for travel into or through restricted areas.**

(a) Unless specifically validated therefore, U.S. passports shall cease to be valid for travel into or through a country or area which the Secretary has determined is:

(1) A country with which the United States is at war, or

(2) A country or area where armed hostilities are in progress; or

(3) A country or area in which there is imminent danger to the public health or physical safety of United States travelers.

(b) Any determination made under paragraph (a) of this section shall be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER along with a statement of the circumstances requiring this restriction.

(c) Unless limited to a shorter period, any such restriction shall expire at the end of one year from the date of publication of such notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER, unless extended or sooner revoked by the Secretary by public notice.

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### **§ 51.74 Special validation of passports for travel to restricted areas.**

(a) A United States National wishing a validation of his passport for travel to, in, or through a restricted country or area may apply for a special validation to the Office of Passport Services, a passport agency, or a foreign service post authorized to issue passports. The

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application shall be accompanied by evidence that the applicant falls within the standards set out in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) The Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs or an authorized designee of that official shall decide whether or not to grant a special validation. The special validation shall be granted only when such action is determined to be in the national interest of the United States.

(c) An application may be considered if:

(1) The applicant is a professional reporter, the purpose of whose trip is to obtain, and make available to the public, information about the restricted area; or

(2) The applicant is a representative of the American Red Cross; or

(3) The applicant establishes that his or her trip is justified by compelling humanitarian considerations; or

(4) The applicant's request is otherwise in the national interest.

(Sec. 1, 44 Stat. 887, as amended (22 U.S.C. 211a); sec. 4, 63 Stat. 111, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2658); E.O. 11295, 36 FR 10603; 3 CFR 1966-70 Comp., 507; E.O. 12211, 45 FR 26685)

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### **§ 51.75 Notification of denial or withdrawal of passport.**

Any person whose application for issuance of a passport has been denied, or who has otherwise been the subject of an adverse action taken on an individual basis with respect to his or her right to receive or use a passport shall be entitled to notification in writing of the adverse action. The notification shall set forth the specific reasons for the adverse action and the procedures for review available under §§ 51.81 through 51.105.

(22 U.S.C. 2658 and 3926)

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### **§ 51.76 Surrender of passport.**

The bearer of a passport which is revoked shall surrender it to the Department or its authorized representative